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January 8, 2014

Mr. Arvin Ganesan
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 3426 ARN
Washington, DC 20460-0003

Dear Mr. Ganesan:

I am writing in response to correspondence I received from [REDACTED] regarding a problem he is having with your agency. Please find all relevant documents enclosed for your review and convenience. I trust you will find the information provided to be self-explanatory.

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On behalf of [REDACTED], I am asking that your office give the request a full and fair consideration. Please provide my Salem office with a timely response so I may further serve my constituent. You may send a response via U.S. Mail or fax (330) 337-7125.

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Thank you in advance for your time and attention. Should you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff, Sarah Poulton, at (330) 337-6951. I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnson
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

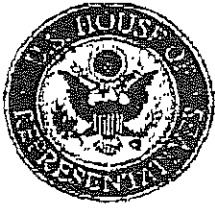
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Congressman Bill Johnson Representing Ohio's 6th District

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Information Release Form

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Please describe the situation for which you are requesting assistance:

I DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO AFFORD TO LOOK UP TO THE
KANAWHA-ADDITIONAL SEWER PROTECT

I DON'T KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS THIS PROTECT IN THE
FIRST PLACE. ALL THIS IS IS AN ATTEMPT TO GET US
TO JOIN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS
LET THE EPA PAY TO LOOK ME UP TO THEIR PROTECT
SCD SEC CHECK 462.00 BATTERMAKER CHECK 7.30.00. SO 469.30.50

I hereby request the assistance of the Office of Congressman Bill Johnson to resolve the matter described above. I authorize Congressman Johnson and his staff to receive any information that they might need to provide this assistance.

The information I have provided to Congressman Bill Johnson is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. The assistance I have requested from Congressman Johnson's office is in no way an attempt to evade or violate any federal, state, or local law.

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SIGNED: [Redacted]

DATE: 12/18/13

Name: (please print) [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted]

Social Security Number: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

City: GALLIPOLIS

State: OHIO

Zip: 45631

Day Telephone: [Redacted]

Evening Telephone: [Redacted]

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Federal Agency Involved: EPA

Case Number (if applicable): [Redacted]

Military ID (if applicable): [Redacted]

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Gallia County Commissioner's Office

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740-446-4612 Ext. 226

Fax 740-446-4804

Email: gcboe@gallia.net

Commissioners:

Harold G. Montgomery, Pres.; Brent Saunders; David Smith

Karen Sprague, Co. Administrator

Lana J. Lane, Clerk of the Board

Connie Johnson, Asst. Clerk

Date: December 17, 2013

To: Property Owners in portions of the Kanauga-Addison Sanitary Sewer Project Area

Subject: Sanitary Sewer Connections may now begin.

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6 { Property: [REDACTED], Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
Parcel: [REDACTED]
Owner: [REDACTED]

1. The sanitary sewers in your neighborhood have been accepted by the County for operational purposes. Operational acceptance means that you may begin your service connection process immediately.
2. You may either perform the construction work yourself if you are an approved sewer contractor through the Gallia County Health Department or use the services of a sewer contractor licensed with the Gallia County Health Department (list attached). All service lines are at the homeowners expense.
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 - a. If you are a licensed sewer contractor in Gallia County and choose to do the work yourself, you must first contact the Gallia County Health Department and obtain a license and a permit. At that time you will also receive printed information that outlines the correct manner by which to make the connection. You are urged to read the manual and follow instructions carefully. Doing so will save you time and money.
 - b. If you choose to have a licensed sewer contractor do the work, you must make sure that they are licensed with the Gallia County Health Department. To verify contractor licensing refer to the attached list of registered contractors from the Gallia County Health Department. If you have questions about the attached list of registered contractor please call Barb Bradley, Gallia County Sanitarian at 441-2944. The contractor must then obtain the permit to perform your installation. It is strongly recommended that you obtain at least two estimates before deciding on a contractor.
4. Regardless of whether you or your contractor install the line and tie into the County sewer system, you are responsible for correctness of the connections. If a contractor is doing your work, it is suggested that you review the printed information he received from the County. The homeowner or homeowner's contractor is responsible for any cleanup or restoration that is needed due to the installation of the service lateral. Please contact Barb Bradley, Gallia County Sanitarian at 441-2944 to schedule an inspection of your new service line.
5. All material and connections must be inspected by a County Health Department Representative and all tests must be successful before final acceptance of your connection will be given.
6. Please be aware that overall construction is not complete. Operational acceptance from the contractor was given so that you could safely use the sanitary sewers immediately. A "Final Acceptance" will occur later. At that time, we will accept all additional aspects of the contractor's work including ditch re-grading, reclamation, re-seeding, pavement replacement and repairs, etc.

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7. Customers will be billed on a monthly basis and billing will start when the customer connects to the County system or 90 days from the date of this letter.
8. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please feel free to contact the County Commissioners office at 446-4374.
9. Financial assistance may be available to those residents who qualify through USDA-Rural Development (contact Julia Wood at (740) 373-7113, ext. 210) or through Gallia County's Housing/Sewer Grants that are administered by Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency. Please contact Diana Roush, at the Gallipolis Office of Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency, 446-1018, if you own and occupy your home and are a low income resident. 2013 Low Income household limits are as follows:
 - 1 person \$29,700
 - 2 persons \$33,950
 - 3 persons \$38,200
 - 4 persons \$42,400
 - 5 persons \$45,800
 - 6 persons \$49,200
 - 7 persons \$52,600
 - 8 persons \$56,000
 - For more than 8 persons, add 8% of the 4-person limit to the 8-person limit for each additional person (8% of 42,400 = 3,392 per additional person)
10. All residents wishing to utilize the low income grant funding must contact Diana Roush at Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency at 446-1018 to receive instructions on how to proceed with household income qualification, obtaining quotes from contractors, etc. **REMEMBER YOU MUST FIRST CONTACT GMCAA AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS - DO NOT PROCEED ON YOUR OWN FIRST WITH OBTAINING QUOTES, CONTRACTOR SELECTION AND INSTALLATION.**
11. Residents not utilizing the low income grant funding - We want to caution all residents to make sure that when you get estimates to make sure all contractors are bidding the same work. Work should consist of material and labor to install your 4 inch SDR 35 service line meeting the requirements of the Gallia County Manual for Sewer Service Installation. This work will include proper bedding of the pipe, air testing before completion and restoration of the excavated area.
12. If any residents see any Septic Haulers dumping septage into the County sewer system, please contact the County immediately at 446-4374. This is **ILLEGAL** and will cause operational problems at the treatment facility and may result in higher costs to the residents of the project.

Attachments:

Grant Assistance Instruction Sheet
Approved Installers List

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STEPS TO FOLLOW FOR CDBG GRANT FUNDS FOR ON-LOT CONNECTION

Here are the steps homeowners will have to take to be able to utilize the CDBG grant funds to pay for their on-lot connection to the Kanauga-Addison Sewer System.

1. Homeowner will have to contact Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency (Diana Roush, Housing Assistant) at 446-1018 to determine if eligible based on 2012 HUD Low Income Limits.
2. Homeowner will have to obtain and submit to GMCAA a minimum of two quotes from septic contractors on the Health Dept approved list (list attached).
3. Homeowner will have to sign a contract with the contractor submitting the lowest quote and submit a copy to GMCAA. Contract provided by GMCAA.
4. Gallia County Health Department will notify county when work is completed and has passed inspection.
5. Upon completion of the work and passing inspection, the LMI homeowner signs a statement of satisfaction and submits copy to GMCAA.
6. Homeowner will have to submit a final invoice from the contractor to GMCAA.
7. The county cuts a check to the contractor after GMCAA notifies County that steps 1 thru 6 above are completed.

Questions please contact GMCAA Housing Assistant Diana Roush at 446-1018 or Gallia County Administrator Karen Sprague at 446-4374.



Congressman Bill Johnson

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Salem, OH 44460

Fax Cover Sheet:

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Notes: Thanks

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JAN 31 2014

The Honorable Bill Johnson
Member, U.S House of
Representatives
192 East State Street
Salem, Ohio 44460

Dear Congressman Johnson:

Thank you for your January 8, 2014 letter regarding your constituent [REDACTED] *Exemption 6*
inability to pay to connect his residence to a recently constructed sanitary sewer.

According to Gallia County Administrator Karen Sprague, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ordered the County to construct the Kananga-Addison Sanitary Sewer Project to address problems associated with failing septic systems in the area. Because [REDACTED] residence is located within 200 feet of the new sewer main, state regulation requires a sewer connection. As noted in the County's December 17, 2013 letter to [REDACTED] *Exemption 6* (included with your correspondence), low income individuals may qualify for financial assistance to help with connection costs. *Exemption 6* The letter provides information on applying for various financial assistance programs, as well as contacts at relevant agencies.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Fortin, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hedman", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator

